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Pursuant to this Court's order and consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26 and Local Rule 26-1, the parties by and through their respective counsel hereby submit this stipulated discovery plan and proposed scheduling order.

The parties completed the required meeting of counsel via teleconference on January 3, 2017. Scott Ingold and Joseph Gonnella participated on behalf of Plaintiff MARK HUNT ("Hunt"); Colby Williams participated on behalf of Defendants ZUFFA, LLC d/b/a ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP ("Zuffa") and DANA WHITE ("White"). Howard Jacobs and Peter Christiansen participated on behalf of BROCK LESNAR ("Lesnar").

The parties request special scheduling review based on the following:

Zuffa and White were the first defendants to answer or otherwise appear in this action on February 28, 2017. Defendants each filed a motion to dismiss Hunt's complaint. Those motions were fully briefed and the Court heard oral argument on May 22, 2017, granting in part and denying in part the motions with leave for Hunt to amend his complaint. Hunt subsequently filed an amended complaint, and Defendants thereafter again filed motions to dismiss. (ECF Nos. 64, 68, 71.) Those motions have also been fully briefed but not yet decided by the Court. The parties agree the outcome of these pending motions may significantly impact the scope of discovery as it relates to the RICO and possibly other causes of action.

Counsel for Zuffa and White is scheduled to begin trial in another matter on April 16, 2018. That matter has been pending for nearly six years and the trial estimate is six months. Moreover, Plaintiff Hunt is a resident of Australia, which may create delays in obtaining discovery from him, especially as it relates to the potential taking of his deposition. Accordingly, special scheduling review is appropriate based on the current procedural posture of the pleadings, anticipated volume of written discovery and document production, and counsel's availability.

The parties agree to the following proposed schedule to complete discovery

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on all non-RICO related claims. The parties will meet and confer following the determination of the pending motions to dismiss to propose any appropriate revisions to the scope of discovery or timing.

## I. SCHEDULING

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#### A. Initial Disclosures

Hunt, Zuffa and White have exchanged initial disclosures. Lesnar will serve his initial disclosures on or before January 31, 2018.

## **B.** Discovery Cut-Off Date

Pursuant to LR 26-1(b)(1), the discovery cut-off date shall be October 1, 2018, which is 270 days from the date of the parties' Rule 26(f) conference.

## C. Amending Pleadings and Adding Parties

Pursuant to LR 26-1(b)(2), the last day to amend pleadings and add parties will be July 3, 2018, which is 90 days prior to the discovery cut-off.

## D. F.R.C.P. 26(a)(2) Expert Disclosures

Pursuant to LR 26-1(b)(3), the initial expert disclosures under F.R.C.P. 26(a)(2) will be due August 2, 2018, which is 60 days prior to the discovery cut-off. Rebuttal expert disclosures will be due September 3, 2018, which is 33 days after the disclosure of initial experts.

# **E.** Dispositive Motions

Pursuant to LR 26-1(b)(4), the last date to file dispositive motions shall be October 31, 2018, which is 30 days after the discovery cut-off.

### F. Joint Pretrial Order

Pursuant to Local Rule 26-1(b)(5), the date for filing the joint pretrial order shall not be later than 30 days after the cut-off date for filing dispositive motions. In the event that dispositive motions are filed, the date for filing the joint pretrial order shall be suspended until 30 days after decision on the dispositive motions or until further order of the court. In the further event that the discovery period is extended from the discovery cut-off date set forth in this Discovery Order, the date

for filing the joint pretrial order shall be extended in accordance with the time periods set forth in this paragraph.

### II. DISCOVERY PLAN

## A. Scope of Discovery

The parties acknowledge discovery shall proceed on all claims except for Hunt's claims one and two (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act), consistent with the Court's order staying discovery on those claims. The parties agree to phased discovery. Phase one shall be written discovery on all non-RICO claims. Phase two shall include non-written discovery and RICO claims, subject to the pending motions to dismiss, the outcome of which will likely necessitate the parties revisiting the scope and timing of discovery and corresponding deadlines. The parties shall not take depositions prior to the determination of the pending motions to dismiss except by the agreement of all parties.

#### **B.** Electronic Evidence

Pursuant to LR 26-1(b)(9), the parties agree to meet and confer regarding the appropriate search terms, procedures and production of electronic evidence. To the extent that discoverable information is electronically stored, the parties shall produce such information in its native format, PDF, or searchable TIFF, including metadata, to the extent available. The parties further certify that they discussed whether they intend to present evidence in electronic format to jurors for the purpose of juror deliberations. The parties anticipate the use of such electronic evidence and agree to work with each other to reach appropriate stipulations regarding the production of discovery in an electronic format compatible with the Court's electronic evidence jury display system.

## C. Stipulated Protective Order

The parties will negotiate and file for Court approval a stipulated protective order to protect confidential information.

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## III. CASE MANAGEMENT

# A. Alternative Dispute Resolution

Pursuant to LR 26-1(b)(7), the parties agree mediation or early neutral evaluation is premature at this time. The parties will be prepared to discuss Alternative Dispute Resolution at the Trial Setting and Discovery Status Conference.

# **B.** Alternative Forms of Case Disposition

Pursuant to LR 26-1(b)(8), the parties have considered consent to trial by a magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 as well as use of the Short Trial Program.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 and the Court's Local Rules, the undersigned hereby certifies that on this day, January 5, 2018, a copy of the foregoing document entitled STIPULATED DISCOVERY PLAN AND PROPOSED **SCHEDULING ORDER** was filed and served through the Court's electronic filing system (CM/ECF) upon all registered parties and their counsel.

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